

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 993

SENATE BILL NO. 4136

By Haynes, Harper, Ford, Henry, Marrero, Johnson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 4169

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to class size limits for career and technical education courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(g)(1) Beginning July 1, 2008, as part of a two-year pilot initiative for Metro Nashville public schools and Davidson County, class sizes in career and technical education classes may be extended not to exceed the limit set for academic classes in grades seven through twelve (7-12), only where programs are implemented that use the career academy or small learning community model. Such extension shall be granted by the Commissioner of Education.

(2) The Department of Education shall convene a committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations based on the two-year pilot, assessing potential statewide implications for career and technical education funding within the basic education program. The committee shall be comprised of, but not limited to, representation from the Department of Education, State Board of Education, private industry, local career and technical education directors, and higher education.

(3) The committee shall submit recommendations to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, the chairs of the Senate and House Education Committees, and the BEP review committee no later than January 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2008



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